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say experience is the best teacher and some will have no other. Some don't even learn through experience. So we'll go eight hours. Maybe Senator Quandahl won't move for cloture. Maybe he will. Others are going to begin to say as the lobbyists who jerk their string gets on them, hey, we got important bills. We got teacher salaries. We got state aid and you're talking about some silly bill like this. And pretty soon either you won't be here to vote or you're going to start taking a different But the time will be gone. The genie will have left attitude. the bottle. And we cannot take a calendar and simply turn the pages backward from December and reclaim that time. If all the sand has run out of the hourglass from the top down into the bottom, when we turn it over, we do not reclaim that time. we do is mark the passage of additional time, and time is on my side and on the side of the angels. Angels do not want to see what this bill is attempting to do to our young people. The angels who spend time dancing on the heads of pins, I don't know why they'd do that unless they're pinheaded angels. They have ceased their dancing on pins to observe what is happening in the These people who profess to be so Nebraska Legislature. concerned about a fetus, an embryo, a zygote don't care about ruining the lives of children. That's the inconsistency that I see in all of this. But I am going to work this bill, and I'm going to work with my colleagues. And whether my colleagues like it or not, I'm going to build a record. And I'm going to show all of the flaws that are in this bill and how the legislators were dragged along to go along with this flawed bill because somebody told them, do this and they run and do it. We are supposed to be an example of educated, deliberative, concerned people who think that our laws ought to reflect that education, that respect for the constitution. But that's the case. When teacher salary bills come out here and state aid bills come out here, we're going to hear a lot of slogans and cliches about education and teaching our children. Teaching them what? Those are just words that have no meaning. But the script says that we're on a certain subject so those are the words that have to be uttered. But when time comes to enact laws, we're going to punish, punish, punish. We're going to heap up punishment on top of punishment, but you don't want that for adults. You don't want that at all. Since acupuncture can cure substance abuse, why don't you all just require every young